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[To accompany S. 1665]

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation to which was referred the bill S. 1665 to authorize issuance of a certificate of documentation for employment in the coastwise trade of the United States for the submersible vessel *PC-1501,* having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE LEGISLATION

S. 1665, as reported, grants coastwise trading privileges to the vessel *PC-1501.*

BACKGROUND AND NEEDS

Subject to certain limited exceptions, the provisions of law known as the Jones Act (Section 27 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1920) and sections 12106-12108 of title 46, U.S. Code, provide that only those vessels built in the United States, continuously owned by U.S. citizens may transport merchandise or passengers in the coastwise trade, or engage in the domestic fisheries of the United States.

Where the facts applicable to a particular vessel suggest that the U.S.-built, U.S.-documented or U.S.-owned requirements have not been satisfied, the Coast Guard may not issue a document permitting coastwise trading of fisheries privileges for that vessel unless the requirements of the law are statutorily waived.

The six-passenger submersible vessel, *PC-1501,* was built in Riviera Beach, FL, in 1973. From 1973 to 1988, the *PC-1501* was owned by several oceanographic firms in the United Kingdom, until it was recently bought by the present owners, Subsee, Inc., Fort Pierce, FL. Subsee intends to use the vessel for marine research and for shallow water tourist rides. Without the waiver the vessel cannot be used to carry passengers or cargo for hire.

Legislative History

S. 1665 was introduced in the Senate on September 25, 1989, by Senators Graham and Mack. In open executive session on October 5, 1989, the Committee considered S. 1665, and ordered the legislation reported favorably without objection and without amendment.

Estimated Costs

In accordance with paragraph 11(a) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate and section 403 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Committee provides the following cost estimate, prepared by the Congressional Budget Office:

U.S. Congress,
Congressional Budget Office,
Washington, DC, October 23, 1989.

Hon. Ernest F. Hollings,
Chairman, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

Dear Mr. Chairman: The Congressional Budget Office has reviewed S. 1665, a bill to authorize issuance of a certificate of documentation for employment in the coastwise trade of the United States for the submersible vessel *PC-1501*, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation on October 5, 1989. Enactment of S. 1665 would result in no cost to the federal government or to state or local governments.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Deborah Reis.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Reischauer,
Director.

Regulatory Impact Statement

In accordance with paragraph 11(b) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee provides the following evaluation of the regulatory impact of the legislation, as reported.

Because S. 1665 does not create any new programs, the legislation will have no additional regulatory impact, and will result in no additional reporting requirements. The legislation will have no further effect on the number or types of individuals and businesses regulated, the economic impact of such regulation, the personal privacy of affected individuals, or the paperwork required from such individuals and businesses.

Section-by-Section Analysis

S. 1665 consist of one section. It provides that, notwithstanding sections 12105 and 12106 of title 46, U.S. Code, and section 27 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1920 (46 App. U.S.C. 883), as applicable on the date of enactment of the bill, the vessel *PC–1501* is eligible to engage in the coastwide trade of the United States, and the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating may issue a certificate of documentation for such vessel.

Changes in Existing Law

In compliance with paragraph 12 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee states that the bill as reported would make no change to existing law.

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